AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- 1. (currently amended) A trimmer comprising:
 - a base comprising a front and a rear;

a motor attached <u>directly</u> to said base wherein said motor is attached to and rotates a cutting element wherein said cutting element comprises at least one line;

two unidirectional wheels attached directly to said front of said base;

- a multidirectional wheel attached directly to said rear
 of said base;
 - a handle; and
- a universal joint <u>comprising two non-parallel axles</u> connecting said handle to said <u>rear of said</u> base <u>above said</u> multi-directional wheel.
- 2.(original) The trimmer of claim 1 wherein said base comprises a recess.
- 3.(original) The trimmer of claim 1 further comprising a lower grip attached to said handle.
- 4.(original) The trimmer of claim 1 wherein said universal joint comprises:
 - a handle couple attached to said handle;
 - a link rotatably attached to said handle couple; and
 - a bracket rotatably attached to said link and attached to said base.
- 5. (original) The trimmer of claim 1 wherein said motor is an electric motor.
- 6-17. (canceled)